

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 28, 2018

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

If you are curious, and have come to see
 If you are weary, and have come to rest
 If you are grateful, and have come to share
 If you are hurting, and have come for solace
 If you are listening, and have come to pray
 If you are seeking, and have come for answers
 WELCOME

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTRODUCTION OF HERITAGE LECTURER *David Rutledge*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
 whom then shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the strength of my life;
 of whom then shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek.

People: **That I may dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN No. 1 NICAEA

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, giver of mercy, in Christ's name hear us as we confess our sin. We speak when we should listen; we hesitate when we should act. Anger prevents us from working your righteousness; selfishness inhibits our responding in faith. We are called to proclaim boldly the dawn of your Kingdom, but our shouts turn out to be mere whispers. Cleanse us of wickedness, and fulfill us with meekness. Redeem us in Christ, in whose name we pray.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal, No. 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

** ANTHEM Kosche

“Bless God's Holy Name”

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal page 35, Traditional

K5 and first grade children leave for Children's Church following the prayer.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SOLO (9:00 a.m.) Bonds

“He's Got the Whole World in His Hand”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Psalm 27:1-6 (Page 503) *Caroline Blouin*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Mark 9:14-40 (Page 44)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REFLECTION Philip Yancey

“Spirits to Avoid”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory “God the Father Be Our Stay” Buxtehude

* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN No. 280 EBENEZER

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE Carillon Toccata Wagner

***All who are able may stand ** 11:15 a.m. service only**

HEAD USHERS:	9:00 a.m.	Pete Sweeny
	11:15 a.m.	Bryant Puntch
SPONSOR:	11:15 a.m.	Steve Johnson
GREETERS:	9:00 a.m.	Jon McKnight, Collin Mackie
		Rita Barker
	11:15 a.m.	Nancy Quinn, Michael Hoffman
		Elizabeth Palmer
LITURGIST:		Ludwig Weaver
ACOLYTES:	9:00 a.m.	Lilly Coker, Miles McGregor
	11:15 a.m.	Katie Hoffman, Rebecca Nelson

Following the 11:15 a.m. service, visitors and members are invited to meet Philip Yancey in the Sanctuary Atrium for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

PARKING

We have permission to use the parking lots at the Uniform Shop and Augusta Commons Mall.

TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICER

A Greenville city police officer will be on duty from 9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. to help people cross the street from the other side of Augusta Road.

STREAMING

All worship services at Westminster are broadcast via live video streaming. Navigate to the home page of the church website at www.wpc-online.org and click the link “Worship via Live Streaming.”

CHURCH NOTES

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

Nancy Smith, organist

9:00 a.m.

Katie Knauer, soprano

11:15 a.m.

Junior Choristers

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through four-year kindergarten. Our childcare program provides safe, secure nurseries for our babies and toddlers during worship services. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children.

During the worship service, children in K5 - 1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children's Church in Room 206. The leaders for Children's Church this Sunday, January 28:

9:00 a.m. *Denny & Elizabeth Major*

11:15 a.m. *Paul & Caroline Clark*

NURSERY

PARENT SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 28

9:00 a.m.

Crib *Jackson & Cappy Riley*

Crawler *George & Liz Howell*

Toddler *Paul & Caroline Clark*

K2 *Bryant & Cara Puntch*

K3 *Gene & Liz Pate*

K4 *Charlie & Heather Reynolds*

11:15 a.m.

Crib *Lee & Anne Kester*

Crawler *Austin & Mary Frances Knapp*

Toddler *David & Rachel Anna*

K2 *DJ & Stacey Doherty*

K3 *Brian & Lindsey Donlan*

K4 *Rodney & Hayden Brewer*

BIRTH

A daughter, *Margaret Waight White*, was born to Rhoades & Weston White, on Friday, January 19, 2018, in Greenville.

LET US PRAY FOR:

The Family of Rutledge Johnson

The Family of John Marshall

Dick Stewart and family

ONE ADULT

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be one Adult Sunday School class **this Sunday, January 28, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. This class will be led by our guest Heritage Lecturer, author Philip Yancey, on the topic “*Dispensing Grace in a Divided World.*”

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

MISSION TRIP

On Saturday, January 27, twenty-one adults from Westminster will travel to Barahona in the Dominican Republic. They will help rebuild a school, engage with local community members in cane villages (known as “Bateyes”), and host medical clinics across the Western part of the country. Please hold the following participants and our Dominican partners in your prayers for safe travel and a transformative experience: *Roger Beasley, Catherine Blount, Mike Chengrian, Jim Davis, Biff Dickerson, Steve Dowe, Dale Gosnell, Donn James, Bill Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Lydia Kellett, Susan Maxwell, Jill McCreight, Phil McCreight, Bryce Nelson, Paul O'Neal, Jeff Reynolds, Kathleen Reynolds, Amanda Sanders, Leigh Stuckey, and Richard Young.* The team will return Saturday, February 3.

CHOIR FESTIVAL

This weekend, members of the Sanctuary Choir are participating in the 14th Annual Festival by the Sea in Charleston, SC. This gathering of nearly 300 church musicians from twenty churches across the southeast will culminate in a worship service of music and scripture at First Baptist Church in Charleston. The Westminster Sanctuary Choir is one of the founding choirs of the Festival.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, January 20, 2018, *Jessica Todd* and *Patrick Haarsgaard* were united in marriage at Westminster.

PASTOR'S BAPTISM CLASS

A pastor's baptism class will be held **Wednesday, January 31, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Charter Room. Please sign up through the church office by calling 232-2424 or email michelle@wpc-online.org.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Charter Room. *Cathy Grills* will lead a discussion of **The Return of the Prodigal Son** by Henri Nouwen. Read the book and join us for an interesting discussion. All are invited.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

YOUTH

Schedule for January 28

- 5:00 p.m. Middler Youth Group
- 5:15 p.m. Senior High Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Middler Choir Rehearsal Senior High Group

ADULT GROUPS

Wednesday, January 31

- **Needle Arts Group:** Will meet at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Entrance Pavilion.** Leader: *Terry Gentry* (tmgentry@charter.net).

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will continue a book study on **Tuesday, January 30**, at **6:30 p.m.** in **Room 212.** We will study the book, The True Measure of a Man, by Richard Simmons. All WPC men are invited to participate. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

WESTMINSTER-CAROLINA HIGH CONNECTION

A final preparation session will be held this **Sunday, January 28** in **Room 209** from **6-7:00 p.m.** Join us as we launch the largest local off-site mission program in the history of this church. Visit <http://www.wpc-online.org/westminster-carolina-high-connection.php> to see where you can plug in on **January 29, March 26 or April 23.** If the time commitment does not suit your schedule but you want to help in other capacities to ensure the long term success of this program contact Susan McLarty, Mission Outreach Coordinator at smclarty@wpc-online.org.

6th - 12th GRADE TEAMS

**WPC BASKETBALL CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

All players and parents of 6th-12th graders are invited to celebrate the 2017-2018 WPC Basketball season on **Sunday, February 11**, at **6:00 p.m.** You don't want to miss youth, coaches and parents on the court in games of skill and chance. Prizes for best team and individual scores. Dinner includes pizza, salad and dessert for \$5/person. **Sign ups for dinner end on Wednesday, February 7.**

Name: _____
Adults: _____ Children (ages 3-11): _____

NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday, we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship:

- **Jorge Andres Amo & Holly Vanderwal**, 636 N. Main St., Apt. 312, 29601, joined by transfer from Fifth Avenue Presbyterian, NY, NY.
- **Joey & Polly Fievet**, 140 Mount Vista Ave., 29605, joined by transfer from First United Methodist, Washington, GA.
- **Walter & Michalena Gaines**, 5 Cannon Ln, Taylors, 29687, joined by transfer from Lee Road United Methodist, Taylors.
- **Emily Herndon**, 3 Jay St., 29601, joined by transfer from Eastminster Presbyterian, Columbia.
- **Bill & Linda Nock**, 1 Crabapple Ct. 29605, joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Sumter.
- **Jean Parker**, 116 Benton Park Dr., Easley, 29642, joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- **Meredith Nock Partridge**, 1 Crabapple Ct., 29605, joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Sumter. She has a daughter, Nan (12).
- **Leon Patterson**, 506 Hidden Hills Dr., 29605, joined by transfer from First United Methodist, Laurens. Leon is married to WPC member, *Barbara Patterson*.
- **Griffin & Kate Wise**, 18 Conestee Ave., 29605. Griffin joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Gastonia, NC. Kate joined by transfer from St. Paul's Episcopal, Newnan, GA.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, February 6**, from **7:00-8:00 p.m.** in the **church library** to discuss the book **Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood** by Alexandra Fuller. At our following meeting on March 6, we will discuss **Small Great Things** the best selling novel by Jodi Picoult. Newcomers are always welcome.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
January 28 - February 3, 2018**

SUNDAY

- Adult Choir Festival by the Sea*
- Dominican Republic Mission Trip (thru Feb. 3rd)*
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. One Adult Sunday School Confirmation Class
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. After Worship Reception
- 5:00 p.m. Middler Youth Group Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Senior High Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Carolina High Preparation Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Middler Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Senior High Group Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Carolina High Connection
- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Book Study

WEDNESDAY

- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
- 4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Baptism Class
- 6:30 p.m. Needle Arts Group
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

#yeahTHATwpc

The greatest gift you have to offer a young person (elementary, middle or high school) is your genuine interest in their life and your willingness to listen attentively to them. You can bring a wide range of life experiences to the mentoring relationship and can be a wonderful source of advice and information. To learn more about Mentor Upstate, contact WPC member, *Kelly Taylor* (kftaylor@greenville.k12.sc.us or 908-8836).

CHURCH BASKETBALL

All teams, players and their families are reminded of the end of the year celebration and banquet for the 2017-2018 church basketball season. **Grades 6 - 12 will gather on Sunday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m.** The banquet for **K5-5th grade will be held on Wednesday, February 21**, with dinner starting at **5:45 p.m.** (*sign up form coming soon*) followed by the one hour program from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Coaches or parents please send a team photo/action shots to Susan McLarty at smclarty@wpc-online.org.



Each night as I tuck the girls into bed one of them will always remind me to turn on the hall light. That little light provides a sense of safety for them if they get scared in the middle of the night. It also lights the path to our room if they are awoken by a storm. You can hear their little feet hit the floor minutes after the lightning strikes. It is amazing to think that one little light can bring so much comfort and hope.

Psalm 27 teaches us that "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" God's light provides a sense of hope for us all. The definition of hope is to desire with expectation of obtainment or fulfillment. However the words used for hope in the Bible tell a different story. They teach us that hope is "a deep settled confidence that God will keep his promises." As our light, God shows us the way in which we must walk. He even shows us the obstacles, difficulties, and enemies we have to encounter, and how we may be enabled to overcome them with him lighting the way.

Prayer: *Dear Lord, help us to remember that when the dark and stormy nights come into our life, you are there, and we have no need to fear.*

Mae Todd Mullins



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